

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LICENSING FOR TELEVISION CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to link licensing for television channels to a single window clearance system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (c) : The permission to downlink the TV channels in India is granted by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting as per the policy guidelines for downlinking of television channels. For downlinking of channels, no further licence is required and hence, it is under single window clearance.

The permission to uplink private satellite television channels from India is granted by this Ministry in accordance with the Guidelines for Uplinking from India. On the basis of uplink permission, the applicant is further required to approach WPC Wing of Ministry of Communications & IT for WPC operational licence, so that the channel can be uplinked on the designated frequency. At present, there is no proposal to link this licensing to a single window clearance system.